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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff.	Magistrate Case No.: '08 MJ 8475
V.	COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF 21 U.S.C. § 952 and 960 Importation of a Controlled Substance (Felony)
Ricardo CORDOVA-Hernandez, Defendant.	

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

That on May 25, 2008, within the Southern District of California, defendant Ricardo CORDOVA-Hernandez did knowingly and intentionally import approximately 38.48 kilograms (84.66 pounds) of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960.

The complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached Probable Cause Statement incorporated herein by reference.

Special Agent Brandon Stiefer
U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement

SWORN TO BEFORE ME AND SUBSCRIBED IN MY PRESENCE, THIS 27th, DAY OF MAY 2008.

PETER C. LEWIS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

I, Special Agent Brandon Stiefer, declare under penalty of perjury, the following is true and correct:

On May 25, 2008, Ricardo CORDOVA-Hernandez entered the United States through the Calexico, California West Port of Entry. CORDOVA was the driver, and registered owner of a 2000 Ford Windstar, bearing BAMX license plate BBF6730. CORDOVA was accompanied by his two (2) children. Customs and Border Protection Officers discovered twenty-eight (28) packages concealed within the dashboard of the vehicle. One (1) package was probed and tested positive for marijuana. A total of 38.48 kilograms (84.66 pounds) of marijuana was discovered.

CORDOVA was arrested in violation of Title 21 United States Code (USC) 952, Importation of a Controlled Substance. CORDOVA acknowledged and waived his Miranda Rights. CORDOVA admitted knowledge of smuggling narcotics, and stated that he was to be paid $2500.00 US to drive the vehicle to Los Angeles. CORDOVA was processed and booked into the Imperial County Jail to await his initial appearance before a U.S. Magistrate Judge. CORDOVA'S children were turned over to their mother.

Executed on May 25, 2008 at 1505 hrs.

Special Agent Brandon Stiefer

On the basis of the facts presented in the probable cause statement consisting of 1 page, I find probable cause to believe that the defendant(s) named in this probable cause statement committed the offense on May 25, 2008 in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section(s) 952 & 960.

United States Magistrate Judge

5/25/08 @ 3:47pm
Date/Time